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1873.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver January 9th 1873

Hon. J. B. Belford
Associate Justice Supreme Court
 Sir

In compliance with the provisions of Section 29, Chap. IX. Revised Statutes of Colorado, I have the honor to appoint you a member of the Board to examine and report upon the accounts of the Territorial Auditor and Treasurer for the fiscal year ending Dec 31st 1872. As these accounts are fully prepared for inspection, the time required will be short and I trust you will find it entirely convenient to be present. The first meeting will be held at the Auditor's Office in this City on Monday January 20th. Your Associates will be Major John C. Anderson, and Chas B Patterson of Denver.

Very Respectfully
 Your obedient servant
 Frank Hall
 Secretary of Colorado.

Similar letters of Appointment sent to Major John C. Anderson, and Chas B. Patterson.

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver Jan 14 1873

Wm. F. Stone Esq

My Dear Sir.

Learning that Judge Hallitt is at Trinidad Holding Court, I send the enclosed papers, which explain themselves, with the request that you will present them to him, and in my name ask that if consistent with his knowledge of the circumstances of the case and his official duty, he will recommend the pardon of the Convict, Wells. Under the regulations of the Executive Department no pardon is given without the recommendation of the Judge and Prosecuting Attorney of the Court in which the prisoner was convicted. In case Judge Hallitt endorses the application

will you oblige the petitioners by obtaining that
of the District Attorney who prosecuted Wells?
Please return enclosed papers.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Frank Hall

Acting Governor.

Executive Department

Colorado Territory

Denver January 20 1873.

M. A. Shaffenburg Esq

United States Marshal

Sir

✓ Herewith enclosed, I hand
you an Executive Pardon for Wm. H. Leslie, who
has been recommended to Executive Clemency by
His Honor Chief Justice Hallett, Prosecuting Attor-
ney A. A. Bradford and others.

You will cause the same to be transmitted to the
Circuit Warden who is confined in the Territorial Peni-
tentiary - without delay, together with an order
to the Warden of the prison for Leslie's release.

Very Respectfully

Frank Hall

Acting Governor.

Executive Department

Colorado Territory

Denver January 21 1873

Hon. Moses Hallett

Chief Justice Supreme Court

Pueblo CO

Sir

✓ A strong effort is being made
by Council, and by a large number of citizens of
El Paso County to obtain a Pardon for Charles
Brown and Moses Fox, who were convicted of
manslaughter at the November (1872) term of the
Third Judicial District Court, and sentenced by you
to serve - Brown three years, and Fox two years - in the
Territorial Penitentiary.

I have notified the petitioners that this

Cases would be presented to you for the usual recommendation, which, if granted, would entitle them to Executive Consideration with a view to the speedy issuance of pardons, otherwise not; that the rule some time established of granting no pardons without the written recommendation of the Judge before whom the Cases were tried and of the Prosecuting Attorney prosecuting the same, would be rigidly adhered to.

Please do me the kindness to take this application under advisement, and if you can conscientiously commend them for pardon I will release them.

Very Respectfully,
Frank Hall
Acting Governor.

Executive Department
Colorado Territory

Denver Jan'y 22 1873.

Hon J. B. Pelford
Associate Justice Supreme Court
Central C T

Sir

Applications have been made to me by Marshal Shaffenburg, and the Officers of the Penitentiary for the Pardon of W. H. Henderson, who was convicted of Manslaughter October 18th 1869 in the County of Clear Creek, and sentenced by Judge Goshline to five years imprisonment, and for the Pardon of Nathaniel Harris convicted of Larceny October 13th 1871 in the County of Jefferson and sentenced by you to three years imprisonment.

I have notified the applicants that the Cases would be referred to you for recommendation, which if favorable would entitle them to Executive Consideration with a view to the issuance of Pardons; also that the rule some time established of granting no Pardons without the written endorsement of the Judge before whom the Case was tried, and the Attorney prosecuting the same would be strictly adhered to.

If you can

Conscientiously recommend the exercise of Clemency
 please notify me at your earliest convenience and
 I will release them.

Very Respectfully
 Your obedient servant
 Frank Hall
 Acting Governor

Secretary's Office,
Colorado Territory
Denver Jan 25 1873.

His Excellency E. M. McCook
Washington D.C.
 Dear Sir,

In view of the recent excitement here over the execution of Theodore Meyer twice convicted of Murder in the first degree, in the Court of the First Judicial District, and sentenced to be hanged on the 24th inst, and the influences brought to bear upon you for a Reprieve, I feel it to be my duty to make a full explanation of my action in the premises and the circumstances governing it.

After the sentence of the Court had been pronounced upon Meyer, his Counsel, Judge Harrison argued for a writ of Error to the Supreme Court before Judge Wells and the motion was denied. He then took a full record of the Case to Judge Belford, argued his motion and was again denied. He then took it to Pueblo, argued the motion before Chief Justice Hallitt, who, favoring no error likewise denies the writ. Meanwhile a petition to the Executive praying for a commutation of the sentence to imprisonment for life, was circulated in this city and signed by about two hundred persons, a very large proportion of them Germans. This petition was presented to me by Prof J. F. & Schinner, Dr J. Steinhauser, who were accompanied in their visit by several others of this nationality. I received them politely, listened carefully to the very brief explanation made and then advised them of the Executive rule established by yourself soon after the commencement of your administration, upon which we had uniformly pronounced the most equitable and just to the people.

and the legal tribunals, to interfere in no case of this kind without the written recommendation of the Judge and Prosecuting Attorney; that without such endorsement I could do nothing for them. They then applied to Judge Wells who emphatically declined to recommend the exercise of Clemency. I never saw the petition afterwards nor did any one approach me further upon the subject until the morning of the day fixed for the Execution. Harrison then presented me your telegram from New Orleans, and asked me to consider it a request from you to grant a Reprieve. I declined to take this view of the dispatch, arguing that you left the responsibility with me without influence of expression respecting your wishes; but that if I was not in the Territory then you authorized Mr Thompson to grant a Reprieve; that you could not understand the case as well as those on the ground; that they had not represented the facts as they existed, and that if you were in Denver nothing would move you to reverse the decision I had made. The rule I was governed by was of your own making and one under which we have acted conjointly in a precisely similar case some two years ago, and with which I was in full sympathy, knowing it to be the only proper course for the Executive to pursue when called upon to interpose his Authority between the Prisoner and the Judiciary.

The Council did not make out a case of error; they failed utterly in their attempts to show that the aspect of the case would be materially changed thirty days hence, or that the sentence should be commuted to imprisonment for life at the expiration of that time. Harrison claimed only this, - that the section of the act of 1870 concerning Criminal Jurisprudence has been misconstrued; that it was the intention of the legislature which made it a law to have a different construction put upon it, but by the omission of certain words, which they clearly intended to insert, the whole intention of the section referring to the verdicts of juries was changed. He professes to be able to convince Judge Wells

that the words named by him (Harrison) ought to be in the act, but admitted readily that they were not there. I refused to supply the omission or to call an extra session of the ^{Legislature} to find out what they did mean. My common sense belief was however, that the Courts and myself were bound to execute the law as we found it, and not according to any construction placed upon it by parties finding convictions under it. He insisted upon his belief that Wells could be persuaded to adopt his views, and I told him to go to him and make the effort. If successful I would grant the Reprieve. He went, but failed of course, and again came to me. Not only Harrison but at least twenty five influential members of the bar and other citizens were sent there to overcome my determination. They advanced every reason that could be devised, except any single tangible reason upon which I could base a respite. There was absolutely nothing of this kind brought to bear in any one of their arguments. It was simply an effort of a very persistent Counsel to win a desperate case, nothing more. As a last resort they claimed that the man was unprepared for eternity, but thought the proper amount of religious conviction could be imparted within ten days if I would give them that much.

They remained with me until within three quarters of an hour before the Execution. The excitement was intense. Mass meetings were attempted, and threats made. Harrison paraded the streets with your dispatch in his hand, and excited a certain class to the verge of attempting a rescue of the prisoner, protesting that if you had been there a Reprieve would have been granted, an assertion which I had repeatedly assured him was without color of truth.

Meyer was executed at twenty minutes past two o'clock yesterday at the foot of Cherry Creek. About five thousand persons were present. Both Companies of Military were ordered under arms to assist the Sheriff in preserving order. As to my official action

I have nothing to regret. I am so thoroughly convinced of its propriety that were a similar case to occur each day in the week I would not change it.

This explanation is made, Governor for the purpose of apprising you of my reasons for not accepting your telegram as your implied desire. I knew you had been ~~up~~ imposed upon and when you came to be fully informed of the circumstances you would approve my course.

Very Truly Yours
Frank Hall

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver Jan 29 1873

Hon R W Taylor
First Comptroller Treasry Dept
Washington D.C.
Sir

Herewith I have the honor to transmit the vouchers of D C Collier for printing the Journals of the Council and also House of Representatives, 9th Session of the Legislative Assembly, of which account no part has been paid for the want of funds.

In compliance with information furnished me by yourself I made a statement of the deficiency - these accounts included - in my Department and sent the same to the Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury for submission to Congress, asking his recommendation that the amount be provided for in the regular deficiency bill.

With Great Respect
Your obedient servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Executive Department.
Colorado Territory
Denver Feb 13 1873

M. A. Shaffenburg
 United States Marshal.

Sir

Having been informed upon reliable authority that William M. Leslie to whom a Pardon was issued on or about the 20th of January last, effected his escape from the Territorial Penitentiary under your Charge shortly before said Pardon was transmitted to the Officers of said penitentiary, this is to inform you that said Pardon for M^r M. Leslie is hereby revoked and to Command that said Pardon be forthwith returned to this office for cancellation.

Very Respectfully
 Frank Hall
 Acting Governor.

Executive Department.
Colorado Territory
Denver February 14 1873

Chas Edgar Mills Esq
 New York City

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith your Commission as Commissioner of Deeds for Colorado, in the State of New York.

Very Respectfully
 Frank Hall
 Acting Governor.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver Feb 28 1874

To The First Auditor of the Treasury
 Washington DC

Sir

Your letter of the 17th (R.E.P.) requesting the transmittal of duplicate vouchers I enclose. Edward Thomas, properly receipted.

the Originals having been suspended for the want of such receipt, is received. I have the honor to hand you herewith the duplicates in due form.

With Great Respect
Your obedient Servant
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver Feb 23 1873

Hallet Kilbourne Esq
Washington D.C
Sir

On the 29th day of November 1872 by request of Governor M. Cook of this Territory a Commission, appointing you to be Commissioner of Quads for Colorado in the District of Columbia was executed in this office and handed to him for transmission to you. He was informed by me that the appointment could not be legalized under our Statutes until your oath of office and an impression of your Seal has been filed in this office. Your name does not appear upon my Records as a Commissioner of Quads for the reason that the law in this regard has not been complied with. You are, therefore, hereby notified that any instrument executed by you under such appointment, which may come to me for authentication will be rejected, and you are also notified to forward your oath of office, and an impression of your Seal without unnecessary delay.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado.

A similar letter sent to Chas Collier, Philadelphia Pa and to John J McCook New York City, but up to this date, (March 2nd 1874) no response has been received from either party.

Executive Department
Colorado Territory

Denver March 6th 1873

Jacob F. L. Schinner Esq

Sir,

Your letter of the 3rd inst conveying your resignation as a member of the Territorial Board of Immigration is received.

In accepting the same I desire to acknowledge the efficient services you have rendered the Territorial interests through the earnest efforts you have made in the furtherance of the Cause of immigration and to express the regret I feel that orders from the government compels your retirement from the Board. With earnest wishes for your prosperity I remain, Professor

Very Truly Yours

Frank Hall

Acting Governor.

Secretary's Office,

Colorado Territory

Denver March 27th 1873

Hon R. M. Taylor

First Comptroller Treasury Dept
 Washington D.C.

Sir,

This is to certify that I have not been absent from the Territory nor from the proper discharge of the duties of my Office during the quarter ending April 1st 1873

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

Frank Hall

Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver March 27th 1873

Hon. R. M. Taylor
First Comptroller Treas. Dept
Washington D. C.
 Sir,

In obedience to your letter, bearing date March 5th 1873 in reference to the final adjustment of my accounts for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1872 in which the balance of \$66.¹⁴ is shown to be due the United States, I have the honor to enclose herewith as directed, a certificate of deposit for that amount.

With Great Respect
 your obedient servant
 Frank Hall
 Secretary of Colorado

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver March 29th 1873

Geo. F. Clark Esq.
Secretary Territorial Board of Immigration
 Sir

You are hereby directed to notify the members of the Territorial Board of Immigration that the membership heretofore held in said board by Edward P. Hallister has this day been declared vacant by reason of said Hallister's removal from the Territory, and for other good and sufficient reasons, and his Commission revoked.

William A. Byers has been appointed to the vacancy thus created, and he has qualified as the law directs for the discharge of the duties of said appointment for and during the unexpired term of E. P. Hallister removed.

Also that the resignation of Jacob F. L. Schinner as a member of said board has been presented and accepted, and Fred J. Salomon Esq. of Denver appointed and commissioned to fill the unexpired

term of said Schirmer. Mr Salomon has filed his approved bond with the Secretary of the Territory according to law, and is therefore duly qualified to act as a member of your Board.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Territory this 29th day of March A.D. 1873

Frank Hall
Acting Governor.

Executive Department
Colorado Territory

Denver March 29th 1873

Messrs J. C. Jordan and others
petitioners for the Pardon of Samuel Dundas and Thomas Kemp.

Gentlemen,

Your petition has been received and, under the Executive rule in such cases, referred to Chief Justice Hallett. In reply he recommends that the law be fully executed. I therefore decline to interfere by the exercise of Executive Clemency.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Acting Governor.

Executive Department
Colorado Territory

Denver March 29th 1873

Alfred Sayre Esq
Sir

I return herewith the papers submitted by you with a view to the issuance of a requisition upon the Governor of Illinois for the apprehension and return of to this Territory for trial of the alleged fugitive named therein, together with the opinions rendered by District Attorney Rogers after careful examination of the papers referred to him for that purpose. In view of the facts stated therein, by which

it appears that there is very little probability of the Charge against Westman being sustained before a Court of Justice, and the further fact that I should be compelled to send a messenger from this City to apprehend and return the accused, involving great cost to the Territory with no reasonable prospect of a conviction upon the Charges preferred, I respectfully decline to issue the Requisition prayed for.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
Frank Hall
Acting Governor.

This closes ^{the} official record to April 16 1873, when Governor McCook was superseded by the Hon S H Elbert, as Governor of the Territory.

Secretary's Office,
Colorado Territory
Denver April 16th 1873

His Excellency S. H. Elbert
Governor of Colorado
 Sir.

I have the honor to transmit the following list of Executive papers hitherto on file in this office viz:

- 1 Package petitions for Pardon
 - 1 " Applications for passports 1862.
 - 1 " Petitions for appointment of Territorial Officers.
 - 1 " Resignations
 - 1 " Territorial Appointments and Confirmations
 - 1 " Miscellaneous petitions.
 - 1 " Certificates of Caucassing Boards & Rpts of Territorial Officers.
 - 1 " Thanksgiving Proclamations
 - 1 " Petitions for appointment of County Commissioners
 - 1 " History of the "Trinidad War" 1868
 - 1 " Miscellaneous Military Papers.
 - 1 " Applications for Requisitions Warrants orders etc.
 - 1 " " " Appointment of Courts of Quads
 - 1 " " " Notarial appointment
 - 1 " Miscellaneous Executive Correspondence.
- for the custody of your office.

Very Respectfully
 your obedient servant
 Frank Hall
 Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver April 14 1878

Hon. Columbus Delano
Secretary of the Interior
Washington D.C.
 Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of date the 28th ultimo, transmitting my Commission as Secretary of Colorado Territory, with blank form of oath. With many thanks to His Excellency the President for his kind consideration and continued favor, I accept the appointment and will endeavor to discharge its duties in a manner to merit his approval.

I enclose herewith my oath of office taken before His Honor E. D. Wells, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of this Territory, and await your further orders.

I have the honor to be Sir

With Great Respect
 your obedient servant
 Frank Hall

Oath

I, Frank Hall, of Denver, Colorado, do solemnly swear, that I have never voluntarily borne arms against the United States since I have been a citizen thereof; that I have voluntarily given no aid, countenance, counsel or encouragement to persons engaged in Armed Hostilities thereto; that I have neither sought, nor accepted, nor attempted to exercise the functions of any office whatever under any authority or pretended authority in Hostilities to the United States; that I have not yielded a voluntary support to any pretended government, authority, power or Constitution within the United States hostile or inimical thereto. And I do further swear that to the best of my knowledge and ability I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States, against all enemies foreign and domestic; and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter, So help me God.

Frank Hall.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this seventeenth day of April
A D 1873.

Ebenezer T. Wells
Associate Justice Supreme Court
Colorado Territory.

Commission

Ulysses S. Grant

President of the United States of America

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Know Ye That reposing special trust and confidence in the integrity Diligence and Discretion of Frank Hall of Colorado, I have nominated and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate do appoint him to be Secretary of the Territory of Colorado, and do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfill the duties of that office according to law and to have and to hold the said office with all the rights and emoluments thereunto legally appertaining unto him the said Frank Hall during the term of four years from the 7th day of April 1873 unless this Commission be sooner revoked by the President of the United States for the time being."

In testimony whereof, I have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the Department of the Interior to be hereunto affixed."

Given under my hand at the City of Washington the twenty first day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy three and of the Independence of the United States of America the ninety seventh

By the President

U. S. Grant

C. Delano

Secretary of the Interior.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver April 21 1873

Chief Clerk
Dept of Justice
Washington D C
 Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter requesting me to forward a complete set of the Legislative Acts and Resolutions of this Territory, and to transmit the same by mail herewith. These volumes contain all the laws of this Territory which are now in force.

Very Respectfully
 Your obedient servant
 Frank Hall
 Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver April 21 1873

Hon R. W. Taylor
First Comptroller Treasury Dept
Washington D.C.
 Sir

I have the honor to return herewith my official bond duly executed.

With Great Respect
 your obedient servant
 Frank Hall
 Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver Oct 6th 1873

Geo H. Gray Esq
 Sir

I have to inform you that the petition from Gilpin County, requesting your appointment to be Territorial Assayer for Gilpin County vice A. Van Schulz resigned has been referred to this office with direction to issue the Commission upon your compliance with the law. Herewith I hand you blank bond, which you will please execute according to the provisions of the Statute, establishing Assay offices in this Territory, and return to this office for permanent Custody. Thereupon your Commission will issue without delay.

Very Respectfully
 Frank Hall
 Secretary

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver Oct 10th 1873

J. A. Willoughby Esq
 County Clerk
 Sir

In Canvassing the Election returns of Summit County, the Territorial Board find that "Benj F. Maples" received 95 votes for Representative from the 7th District, and, believing the name to be incorrectly Recorded have suspended the returns, and direct me to recommend the same to you for correction in the particular names. Please attend to this matter without delay and forward corrected returns to this office at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully
 Frank Hall
 Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office,
Colorado Territory
Denver Oct 10 1873

Wm. S. Sprague Esq
 County Clerk
 Sir

In canvassing the Election returns of Clear Creek County, the Territorial Board find that "Benj. F. Naghus" received 750 votes for Representative in the 7th District, and, believing the name to be incorrectly recorded have suspended the returns, and directed me to recommit the same for correction in the particular names. Please attend to the matter without delay and forward corrected papers to this office at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully
 Frank Hall
 Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office,
Colorado Territory
Denver Oct 10 1873

M. J. Kraw Esq
 Clerk of Weld County
 Sir.

The board of canvassers have suspended the election returns of Weld County, and direct me to recommit them to you for correction. You certify that the Election was held on the "Eighth" day of September, whereas it occurred on the Twelfth. Please correct and return at once.

Very Respectfully
 Frank Hall
 Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver November 3rd 1873

To The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury
 Washington D. C.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that the Tenth Legislature will convene on the first Monday of January next, and that the last Congress failed to make any provision for its expenses. I shall require for the payment of per diem salaries to officers and members, mileage, rent, lights, fuel, stationery, printing, and incidental expenses, the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars.

Mr Chaffee, our Representative in Congress believes that with your recommendation, a bill appropriating the requisite amount may be passed by the Forty Third Congress, during the December session, and the money transferred to this Territory in time to meet the demands of the Legislature. Believing that you will give this matter early attention, I have the honor to be Sir

With Great Respect

Your obedient servant
 Frank Hall
 Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver Nov 4th 1873

Thomas J. Neal Esq
Butte Valley C. T.

Sir,

Your appointment as Public Administrator for Huerfano County, has been referred to this office by the Governor. Upon receiving the certificate of your Probate Judge that the requisite bond and oath have been filed in this office, your commission will issue. Your appointment will be for the unexpired term of your predecessor if such there were. If the office has been always vacant your term will run two years. Please give the date of the appointment of your predecessor.

Very Respectfully

Frank Hall Secy C. T. H.

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver December 10th 1873

Hon W^m A. Richardson

Secretary of the Treasury
 Washington D.C

Sir

I am compelled by the fact that no appropriation was made by the last Congress to pay the expenses of the Tenth Colorado Legislature which will convene thirty days hence, to draw thus early for the second installment of my appropriation for the incidental expenses of my department in order to meet a part, at least of the expenses constantly accruing in the course of preparations for the session. My Report for 1873 has not ^{yet} been forwarded, but will be as soon as I shall have received certain papers now awaiting the action of the Auditor.

With Great Respect
 Your obedient servant
 Frank Hall
 Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver December 11th 1873

His Excellency B. F. Potts

Governor of Montana Territory

My Dear Sir

Your letter of the 28th ultimo, notifying Governor Elbert of the transmission of a copy of the Codified laws of Montana, and requesting the laws of Colorado, has been referred to this office.

I send you by next mail one copy Revised Statutes of Colorado, and one copy each of the laws of the Eighth and Ninth Sessions, which embrace all the statutes now in force in this Territory.

Thanking you for favors extended and wishing your administration the most abundant success, I have the honor to be

With Great Respect
 Your obedient servant
 Frank Hall
 Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver December 1873

Geo. H. Gray Esq
 Sir

Your official bond, as Territorial Attorney for Gilpin County was received by last mail, and being imperfect is returned herewith for correction. You will have attached in the proper blank spaces provided for the purpose in the body of the bond, the signatures of the witnesses in whose presence the Sureties - H. H. Atkins and Bela Bull signed their names, and forthwith return the bond to this office for approval.

Very Respectfully
 Frank Hall
 Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver December 21 1873

Hon. R. M. Taylor
 First Comptroller Treasury Dept
 Washington D.C.
 Sir

This is to Certify that I have not been absent from the Territory of Colorado or the regular discharge of the duties of my office during the quarter ending December 31st 1873.

Very Respectfully
 Your obedient servant
 Frank Hall
 Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver December 22 1873

Hon. J. B. Thompson
 Territorial Auditor
 Sir

I have the honor to inform you that Geo. H. Gray has this day filed his bond as Territorial Assayer for Gilpin County, for the unexpired term of A. Von Schulz, and that the same has been approved by me.

He is now anxious to know how he shall proceed to draw his salary. Please oblige him by imparting the desired information.

Very Respectfully
 Frank Hall
 Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver Dec 30 1873

Hon. D. D. Belden

My Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you copy of inventory of Territorial Property in Legislative Hall at the close of the 9th session, including that left in the Council Room by your request, for the use of the Unitarian Society which took possession of the room when the Council adjourned sub die. As the 10th Legislature will convene on Monday next, Jan'y 5th 1874, I am compelled to call upon you for the property named in the inventory, and trust it will be placed at my disposal on or before the 1st of January next. It is proper to state that I have never seen the property referred to since its delivery to the Unitarian Society, nor has it ever been tendered to me by that Society or by any other person or persons.

Very Respectfully
 Frank Hall
 Secretary of Colorado

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver December 30 1873

Hon W^m H Meyer
 Member of the House of Representatives.

Sir

You are hereby appointed to be a member of a Commission of three to examine and report to the Tenth Legislature of Colorado the condition of the books, papers, and accounts of the Territorial Auditor and Treasurer.

The Board will meet at the office of the Auditor in the First National Bank Building at 2 o'clock P.M. January 1st 1874. For instructions relative to the duties of the appointment I refer you to the Revised Statutes Chapter 9 Sections 8 and 9.

Very Respectfully

Frank Hall

Secretary of Colorado

Similar letters of appointment sent same date to Hon J. M. Hall Member of the Council, and Hon J. A. J. Valdez, Member of the House.

Secretary's